

AMENDING THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 23, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 23) to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured parks.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider laid upon table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 23) was read the third time and passed.

MEASURES DISCHARGED—H.R. 2744, H.R. 3379, AND H.R. 3175

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following post office-naming bills, and the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration, en bloc: H.R. 2744, H.R. 3379, H.R. 3175.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read the third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, and that any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DAVID BYBEE POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 2744) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the "David Bybee Post Office Building," was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

FRANCIS X. McCLOSKEY POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3379) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the "Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building," was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

RICHARD D. WATKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 3175) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building," was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 19. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period for morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the minority leader or his designee, and the second 30 minutes under the control of Senator HUTCHISON or her designee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. If I may say through the Chair to the distinguished majority leader, on our side we are ready to finish the session. We understand we will have to work Saturday, Sunday, and hopefully we will finish then; otherwise, we will go Monday and Tuesday. Everyone has been told that is what we are going to do. Even though there is a little grumbling, everyone has accepted the fact that is what we are going to have to do.

I hope everyone understands the decision made by the leadership—we need to make sure everyone has a chance to be heard—but we have to have cooperation to get this very difficult session completed. We have some very important issues—the Energy bill, Medicare—and I hope everyone understands the time is limited.

As I say, we have signed on to the program, and we are willing to work until we finish the business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I very much appreciate the statement made by the assistant Democratic leader. What he is referring to will be ambitious in the sense we are asking both sides of the aisle to work together to address a number of pieces of legislation that are very important to this body and very important to the American people.

We have agreed we will be here over the course of this week and, if necessary, into the weekend so that we can complete the bills before us. One of the reasons we are here at this hour of the evening is that I was hopeful we could proceed with the Energy bill. For a number of reasons, we will wait and start that early in the morning after morning business.

The leaders on both sides of the aisle have been in touch over the course of the day, and both are determined to proceed in an orderly way, a collaborative way to address the issues that will be coming before us over the next several days.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate may begin consideration of the Energy Policy Act conference report. The official conference papers have now arrived and copies will be available to all Members. If we are unable to reach consent for a time limit on the Energy conference report, it may be necessary to file cloture during tomorrow's session.

The Senate may also take up other conference reports as they become available and nominations on the Executive Calendar during tomorrow's session. Therefore, rollcall votes should be expected tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:20 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 18, 2003:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT T. CLARK

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. VICTOR E. RENUART, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. RICHARD V. REYNOLDS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. CHARLES L. JOHNSON II

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. GARRY R. TREXLER

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED